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Questions by Members of the Public

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
1.	William Tatton	Prior to allocating any funding to the proposed skate park will you please consider the following towards not proceeding with this scheme: where in the whole of Swale & Medway or there retailers of Skate Boards and necessary Safety Wear; where does there exist the Skate Board Specialist re Customised Boards, Wheels, Safety Equipment & Spares for construction of Stunt Boards. Stunt Boards are why skate board parks were constructed in the 1980's to 1990's, the other basic run of the mill boards were for straight line use only; with the Bus Pass use being curtailed will this not restrict the possible appeal of the skate park, especially to the out laying remote communities; what if any restrictions on age and admittance to the park will apply or is it to be multi aged and unisex usage; those that can remember may recall that skate boards were mainly used by the male sector and these males quickly lost interest in skate boards when they discovered girls, disco's etc; how many magazines, DVD's, internet sites here in the UK are available; why did the Black lion Sports Centre Gillingham fill in the bowl and remove its skate park, why is the Queenborough Town Council Skate Park not used, similarly the one in the Warden Village Hall complex. An alternative to the skate park would be the construction at very nominal cost of fishing lakes and ponds. It is a fact that anglers attend different venues over the weekends and mid-	Cabinet Member for Localism – Cllr Mike Whiting	Emma Wiggins

		week, then attend football matches at all levels. Numerous Angler retail outlets available stock the lakes and assign to an Angling Club alike the two lakes run by the Kemsley & Sittingbourne Angling Association, charge a nominal day ticket fee. Plus if landscaped correctly you will find the none fishing public love to stroll around lakes & ponds and Angling does not only appeal to males but females as well and no age restriction applies to this what is a genuine sport, resulted in greater use by the Communities and attracting out of area Anglers who will bring in additional earning to local business whether it be Local Angling, Cafe, Supermarkets, Newsagents retail outlets. OR Par 3 Pitch & Putt Golf Course alike the Medway UA one at the Strand & better still the Walderslade Road location?		